ther is so sick : and keeping such vile company as thou art, hath in reason taken from me all ostentation of sorrow[6].

POINS. The reason ?

P. HEN. What would'st thou think of me, if I should weep ?

POINS. I would think thee a most princely hypocrite.

P. HEN. It would be every man's thought: and thou art a blessed fellow, to think as every man thinks: never a man's thought in the world keeps the road-way better than thine : every man would think me an hypocrite indeed. And what accites your most worshipful thought to think so ?

POINS. Why, because you have been so lewd, and so much engraffed to Falstaff.

P. HEN. And to thee.

POINS. By this light, I am well spoken of, I can hear it with my own ears : the worst that they can say of me is, that I am a second brother, and that I am a proper fellow of my hands[7]: and those two things. I confess, I cannot help. By the mass, here comes Bardolph.

P. HEN. And the boy that I gave Falstaff: he

[6] —all OSTENTATION of sorrow.] . *Ostentation* is here not boastful show, but simply show. Merchant of Venice :

«——one well studied in a sad *ostent*

" To please his grandame." JOHNSON".

[7] —proper fellow of my hands ;] A tall or proper fellow of his hands, was a stout fighting man. JOHNSON.

In this place, however, it means a good looking, well made, personable man. Poins might certainly have helped his being a fighting fellow. RITSON.

A handsome fellow of my size : or of my inches, as we should now express it. M. MASON.

Proper, it has been already observed, in our author's time,

signified *handsome*. See vol. iv. p. 94. n. 3. " As tall a man of his hands" has already occurred in The Merry Wives of Windsor. See vol. viii. p. 477, n. 4, MALONE.